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1. DURING DISCUSSION OF NATO/SOFA PROVISIONS (ARTICLE XVI IN JOINT TEXT) AT JANUARY 20 NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH ELEKDAG, I REPEATED, ALMOST VERBATIM, ARGUMENTS PRESENTED REF B AND DREW ALSO FROM POINTS MADE REF C.

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ELEKDAG SAID THAT AS THIS WAS A "POLITICAL PROBLEM"

HE HAD DISCUSSED IT WITH FONMIN CAGLAYANGIL, REPEATING THE ARGUMENTS WE HAD PREVIOUSLY MADE AND NOTING THE HARDSHIP "NEW RULES" IMPOSED ON U.S. PERSONNEL. THE MINISTER, ELEKDAG CONTINUED, SAID THAT THE GOT WOULD TRY TO USE THE PROVISIONS OF SOFA TO THE FULLEST EXTENT TO MEET U.S. REQUIREMENTS. ELEKDAG THEN BEGAN TO EXPLAIN A CONCEPT, WHICH HE SAID HAD "EMERGED" FROM HIS TALKS WITH THE FONMIN, AND ACCORDING TO WHICH PERSONAL IMPORT REQUIREMENTS OF OUR PERSONNEL MIGHT BE MET WITH "GLOBAL IMPORTATIONS AND PUT IN SOME SORT OF PROVISION CENTER." HE BROKE OFF, HOWEVER, HIS EXPLANATION OF THIS CONCEPT, WHICH SEEMED TO EMBARRASS HIM SOMEWHAT, AND CONCLUDED WITH, "IN OTHER WORDS THE MINISTER WAS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT YOUR PROPOSAL."

2. I REPLIED THAT WE HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT PROVISIONAL STATUS WOULD NOT BE A STARTING POINT FOR OUR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT NOW I WAS BEING TOLD THAT THE PROVISIONAL STATUS RESTRICTIONS WOULD REMAIN IN EFFECT. I THEN REREAD PORTIONS OF MY INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. I PARTICULARLY STRESSED THAT NATO/SOFA CALLS FOR FURTHER AGREEMENTS AND THAT WE HAD EXTENSION AGREEMENTS WITH EVERY OTHER NATO COUNTRY WHERE WE HAD TROOPS.

3. ELEKDAG SAID THAT THE FONMIN "MUST TAKE THIS MATTER FURTHER" AND ASKED ME TO PROVIDE HIM A TEXT OF THE POINTS I HAD MADE, WHICH I AGREED TO DO. ELEKDAG ALSO ASKED THAT WE GIVE A LIST TO HIM OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SOFA EXTENSION AND IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENTS WHICH WE CONSIDERED NECESSARY FOR OUR OPERATIONS IN TURKEY. ON THE FONMIN'S RETURN FROM HIS CURRENT EUROPEAN TRIP IN ABOUT THREE DAYS, ELEKDAG SAID HE WOULD IMMEDIATELY TAKE UP WITH HIM AGAIN THE NATO/SOFA IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: REF D TRANSMITTED U.S. TEAM'S PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SOFA IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT. WHILE WE DO NOT RPT NOT NEED WASHINGTON COMMENTS ON THE LANGUAGE OF THIS DRAFT AT THIS TIME, WE NEED TO KNOW URGENTLY IF, IN WASHINGTON'S VIEW, IT DOES NOT RPT NOT ADEQUATELY

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COVER ALL THE PROVISIONS WE NEED. UNLESS DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTS OTHERWISE, WE PLAN TO PROVIDE ELEKDAG ON JANUARY 22 A LIST BE GENERAL TOPIC ONLY OF THE SOFA IMPLEMENTATION REQUIREMENTS INCLUDED IN THIS DRAFT. MACOMBER

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